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Brenda Ovalle, Col. Daniel Charchian, 2d Bomb Wing commander, Airman Joshua Collins, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron, and Barbara Travis, stand with a Thomas Kinkade painting that was presented to Airman Collins by the artist. Airman Collins is a Purple Heart recipient.

Airman receives Thomas Kinkade painting

By 2d Lt. Frank Hartnett
THE BOMBARDIER

A Barksdale Airman was presented an original painting from the famous painter Thomas Kinkade Saturday.

Airman First Class Joshua Collins was honored for his service at the Thomas Kinkade Heading Home Touring Event at the Barksdale base exchange. He was given a limited edition canvas, titled Heading Home, which was personalized by artist Thomas Kinkade.

"Colonel Charchian and Colonel Myers felt that I was the right choice because of the circumstances that occurred in Iraq earlier this year," Airman Collins said.

Airman Collins received the Purple Heart while deployed to Iraq this summer. He was in a convoy delivering supplies to forward operating bases when the truck he was riding in was struck by an improvised explosive device. His injuries required him to be evacuated back to Germany for medical attention.

The painting will hold a special place in

Airman Collins' family.

"I plan to hang the painting in my house and keep it in my family for generations to come," Airman Collins said.

He was honored to receive the painting.

"The painting has a lot of meaning to me because it reminds me of what happened," Airman Collins said. "And that there are so many other service members who did not get a second chance like I did."

"Even though Thomas Kinkade himself was not present, the Heading Home event was almost like having Thomas Kinkade here in person. It was amazing to watch the Master Highlighter David Blair highlight the canvases. It was as if the canvas was coming to life," said Brenda Ovalle, sales and merchandise manager.

Airman Collins was full of thanks for the gift he was given. He said every time he looks at the painting, he get chills and he appreciates all the Americans who do similar acts for service-members.

"It means a lot to us," the Airman said.

SECAF: 8th AF to become new Cyber command

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne announced Nov. 2 that the 8th Air Force is now the service's lead command for cyberspace.

The command's new responsibility is a potential step to becoming an Air Force major command, Wynne said.

Led by Lt. Gen. Robert Elder, 8th Air Force will develop the cyberspace force by reaching across all Air Force commands to draw the right people and capabilities. The cornerstone of the cyberspace command will be the leading-edge capabilities already resident in 8th AF, including command and control, electronic warfare, net warfare, and surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities.

"Our job is to come up with options for the Air Force, for the nation, to actually ex-

ploit this domain," General Elder said. "For 8th AF, it means we will not only be in the business of bombers as we always have, in global operations. Now we're going to extend that out to cyberspace.

"Cyberspace is a key mission for us — our nation's dependence on the electromagnetic-spectrum continues to grow and we must ensure Cyberspace dominance well into the future," General Elder added. "I know the Mighty Eighth is up to the task, and I know it will continue its proud heritage. I trust the Shreveport and Bossier City community will be as pleased as I am that 8th Air Force and Barksdale have been selected to lead the way in this critical area of national defense."

The "Mighty Eighth" was made famous during the Combined Bomber Offensive over Europe in World War II. "The mission of bombers now within the

8th AF will remain," Wynne said.

The move accompanies the service's ever-increasing reliance on operations within the cyberspace domain, Wynne explained.

"The capital cost of entry to the cyberspace domain is low. The threat is, that a foe can mass forces to weaken the network that supports our operations," Wynne said.

Wynne noted that the traditional principles of war as taught to young officers apply fully in cyberspace, and he stressed that cyberspace operations can include far more than computer network attack and defense.

Wynne called the move "good stewardship" and said it was necessary to ensure the cyberspace domain receives the emphasis required. The local unit is responsible for training, organizing and equipping the service for cyberspace operations and managing career planning to grow cyberspace

professionals from among the active duty, guard, reserve, and civilian ranks.

"There will be careers and a strong future for the Airmen whose work is in the cyberspace domain," Wynne said.

In December 2005, the Air Force mission statement was amended to include cyberspace as an operational domain along with air and space. The service stood up the Cyberspace Task Force in January, led by military strategist Dr. Lani Kass. The task force, composed of Airmen from across the Air Force, has spent the past ten months gathering data and exploring how the service will operate effectively in cyberspace.

Air Force leaders will begin detailed planning for the new command Thursday at a Cyber Summit. During the summit, Air Force leaders will chart a way ahead for the Air Force's role in cyberspace, also called the cyber domain.

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Welcome Col. Edmund Walker, 917th WG/CC



Veteran's Day reminds us of price of freedom

BY COL. DANIEL CHARCHIAN
2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

What does Veteran's Day mean to you? Is it a time for remembrance, reflection or do you see it as just another day off?

If you've ever been to Washington, D.C., you know that the city is famous for its memorials and statues. I am reminded especially of the words etched into stone at the Korean War memorial, "Freedom is not free." That somber reminder captures the essence of Veteran's Day for me. I think about the veterans who have served before us and the young men and women who are joining their honored ranks every day.

Not too long ago, the remaining members of the 781st Bomb Squadron visited Barksdale Air Force Base, one of the many units that travel to see us each year.

The squadron toured Barksdale during their reunion and stopped to see a B-52 up close. They were in awe of the capabilities of the B-52, its payload, range and lethality compared to their B-24s. Yet we stand in awe of what these Airmen accomplished over sixty years ago.

The 781st flew B-24 Liberators in Southern Europe during World War II. Their squadron took part in a daring raid on the oil refineries in Ploesti, Romania. At the time, Ploesti produced an estimated one-third of the oil for the German war machine; a knock-out blow on Ploesti would cripple the Germans. The refinery was defended by lethal Me-109 fighter aircraft and anti-aircraft artillery.

On Aug. 1, 1943, the 781st joined other units in Operation Tidal Wave, which sent 177 B-24's from Libya to strike the refineries. Imagine what it was like for these Airmen to fly their mission with basic navigational instruments and limited defensive weaponry against a distant, heavily defended target. As they were ordered to fly low to surprise the enemy, the pilots must have been stretched to the limits flying their aircraft, some as low



8th AF museum photo

Medical technicians work on injured servicemembers during World War II. Remember the veterans who came before you during the Veterans Day holiday today.

as 50 feet according to some reports, across unfriendly territory. The enlisted aircrew would have had their hands full fighting to defend their plane, training their guns on enemy fighter aircraft.

Their heroism was unparalleled; five Medals of Honor were bestowed for their actions on that day over the skies of Romania. Their valor came at a high price, 310 Airmen were killed and 53 aircraft were lost. However, as they recounted that day, they were humble; to them it was just another mission during their tour in Europe. History remembers the raid on Ploesti as a costly success, but they described it as well worth the effort.

They bid farewell to the B-52 aircrew that had come out to show them around, as they were wrapping up their stop at the flightline and when they were thanked for what they did 63 years ago by an Airman, they graciously accepted and then sur-

prisingly, they thanked us for what we do today.

We see them as the generation that freed Europe from fascism, now they us as the force fighting against terrorists and extremists.

The commitment these men showed in their youth over Europe can still be seen in today's Airmen. It's in the Airmen who deploy to combat zones and the Airmen who support our efforts across the globe, putting themselves in harm's way to defend our way of life and the way of freedom, as they did generations ago. Our nation counts on its Airmen to step up to challenges and execute the mission and this tradition has not changed. Freedom is not free. Our veterans, and their lessons, are leaving us at an alarming rate.

On this Veteran's Day, seek out and talk with a veteran. You'll be amazed by what you have in common.

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Col. Daniel Charchian
2d Bomb Wing Commander

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Responsible choices keeps everyone safe

BY CHIEF MASTER SGT. MARY DeBERRY
2D MEDICAL GROUP SUPERINTENDENT

There is a push by the Air Force to help our Airmen make responsible choices. The reason is due to a disappointing increase in the number of safety incidents, substance and alcohol abuse related incidents, assaults and suicides.

The Air Force attracts young, smart people looking to gain job experience and an education. When I meet with our newly arrived Airmen, they tell me they enlisted to serve their country and obtain an education. Many of them entered without a guaranteed career field and furthermore were not assigned the job they had hoped for. In spite of this, they are always optimistic and all have hopes of building a successful future.

The Air Force has a significant population of people in the 18 to 24 year old age group – our “high-risk” group and the future of our military force.

Those in the high risk age group have a tendency towards making wrong choices because they think bad things won’t happen to them. They may make serious mistakes in judgment or believe they are invincible or untouchable. They sometimes make impulsive decisions without thinking through the consequences ... or they simply just do not think at all. It is everyone’s job as a wingman to educate, encourage, and guide our young folks to responsible choices.

As a group superintendent, one of the first things I do when interviewing or briefing new Airmen into the organization is to remind them of their value and how important they are to the unit. I encourage them to ask for help when needed and al-

ways let their leadership know when they are experiencing difficulties in their professional lives and personal lives as well. They are reminded to always think of how they can enhance and strengthen their careers. The importance of personal responsibility is always emphasized, especially with ramifications of disciplinary actions that could be career ending. For example, one of our major problems here at Barksdale Air Force Base is drinking and driving.

Our Airmen are faced with choices every day. I tell them to always be professional and choose wisely in all situations to include how they present themselves; how they live in their dorms or homes; how they interact with supervisors and peers; how they manage their finances; how they behave ... or don’t. One of the points I stress is the importance of choosing the company they keep.

There is such a thing as “guilt by association.” If they surround themselves with mature people who make responsible choices, they are more likely to make responsible choices themselves. If they surround themselves with hard partiers who have no goals or make frequent bad decisions, they are more likely to make irresponsible choices themselves. They can have fun and still be responsible.

Everyone, including me, is always accountable for our own behavior and actions.

We have chosen a stressful lifestyle. Being at war now for five years means many of us are back and forth to the desert for 120 days. It makes bill paying, relationships and job performance stressful. It takes up much of our play time. It makes it harder to find and maintain meaningful re-

lationships with our family and friends.

Every day we have to make tough choices between personal life and mission; between our goals and our jobs.

Sometimes we could use a little help.

Agencies such as Military One Source, Life Skills, ADAPT and the Health and Wellness Center, chaplains, and the Airmen and Family Readiness Center (formerly the Family Support Center) are all available to help. Exercise not only relieves stress, but can help alleviate depression too. Supervisors and mentors can also help you make responsible choices. It’s about looking ahead and thinking through something to the possible consequences. It’s about looking at your values and acting in accordance with what you deem important.

Being the best you can be is not just a slogan. It means setting goals and achieving them. It means challenging yourself with new goals when you reach the old ones. It means taking our core values seriously. If you are the best Airman or Lieutenant you can be by meeting standards for dress and appearance, learning your job, and being a part of the team, you will set yourself up for the opportunities of greater responsibility in education and the promotion you desire.

All of us are often times faced with hard choices and we need to help each other to be successful. Sometimes that means giving one another that tough wake-up call. Most people want to be successful and just need a little direction. Responsibility means being accountable for our choices and decisions. Making the right decision isn’t always easy, but making responsible choices will keep us safe. Remember the choice is yours!

Practice risk management: Don’t drink and drive.



Read all about it: 2d BW/PA looking for UPARS

BY SENIOR AIRMAN

BRANDON KUSEK

2D BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 2d Bomb Wing Public Affairs shop is looking for Barksdale Airmen interested in taking part in the Unit Public Affairs Representative program.

The UPAR program is designed to help organizations around the base get more recognition for the hard work they put in every day.

According to 2d Lt. Frank Hartnett, 2d BW Public Affairs chief of internal information, the key point to the program is that people in the unit are responsible for getting the word out to the base.

"We in public affairs don't always hear about significant or interesting events going on around the base. Our intent with this program is to fix that problem and be able to tell Barksdale's chapter of the Air Force story a little better," he said.

UPARs will also provide technical expertise to the Public Affairs staff.

"The accuracy of our work de-

pends on the support we get from units on base," Lieutenant Hartnett said. "We need subject matter experts to set us straight."

Volunteers will be provided opportunities for training so they can fully understand the UPAR program.

"We've prepared a class to teach people to write journalistically since it differs slightly from Tongue and Quill or what you've learned in English classes," he said.

The lieutenant said Public Affairs would like to have at least two representatives, one primary and one alternate, per squadron on base act as UPARs.

Hartnett said two main things the UPARs will be responsible for are submitting stories for publication on a regular basis and supplying members of the public affairs office story ideas so the program would not be a burden on the UPARs.

"When you get down to it, the job of Public Affairs is to tell the public the amazing things Airmen do on a daily basis," Lieutenant Hartnett said. "This program is designed to help us be more effective at our job."

Twenty senior officers to visit Barksdale AFB

BY STEPHANIE BEMROSE

THE BOMBARDIER

About 20 senior officers from the Air Reserve Forces Policy Committee will meet at Barksdale Wednesday and Thursday for a quarterly meeting.

The committee will review and make recommendations to Secretary of the Air Force on major policy matters affecting the Air Reserve Command and their mobilization preparedness, according to Lt. Col. Laura Hunter, military executive for ARFPC.

Colonel Hunter added that all 20 general officers attending the event were appointed by the SECAF.

"It is (the SECAF's) com-

mittee, and the ARFPC is, figuratively speaking, 'his eyes and ears,'" the colonel said. "He is briefed by the Executive Steering Sub-Committee following each quarterly meeting."

Colonel Hunter added that the meeting is an extremely important venue to gather leadership from across the Total Force for direct interface and to discuss a wide range of topics to make recommendations to the SECAF and to discuss a whole host of matters affecting the ARCs, and hence, the Total Force.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Reserve Affairs John Truesdell is scheduled to attend this meeting, Colonel Hunter said.

Previous meetings in the past year have included such luminaries as Gen. Duncan McNabb, Air Mobility Command commander and former ARFPC member, The Hon. Mike Dominguez, Principal Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and The Hon. Craig Deuhring, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. The 917th Wing Public Affairs office is setting up the event.

Jessica D'Aurizio, 917th Wing Chief of Public Affairs and Protocol, said many Airmen who frequent the Barksdale Club for lunch may have an opportunity to meet some of the committee members.



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The Bombardier asks:

“What was your favorite subject in elementary school? Does it have anything to do with your Air Force career?”



Tech. Sgt. Wilbert Washington
2d Mission Support Group
“Math, no because I work in information management.”



Staff Sgt. Gary Latour
2d Services Squadron
“Art, yes because in the culinary field, I have the freedom to create something.”



Airman 1st Class Albert Daniels
2d Security Forces Squadron
“History, yes because the Air Force is a big part of history since it is a young branch, and the Air Force is still changing everyday.”

STARBASE expands its mission

By Staff Sgt. Ebony Nichols
917th Wing Public Affairs

STARBASE La. has recently expanded. Thanks to the cooperation of several base organizations, the Reserve-sponsored educational program for at-risk fifth and sixth-grade students was able to expand to the 917th Security Forces lecture room. Use of the satellite classroom will allow STARBASE to accommodate twice as many students this school year, 1,300 versus 650, according to Kathy Brandon, STARBASE executive director. Classes will meet there daily. The 2006-2007 school year will be the pilot for the new expansion. One of the goals for STARBASE is to reach many more students and build more connections for outreach. Another goal is to “help our students focus on taking positive steps to reach their goals and excite many to strive for excellence in science and math,” said Mrs. Brandon. Nearly all of the fifth-grade students in Bossier will attend on-site classes during the school year. Those schools not partici-

pating this year will be allowed to rotate in next year. “The STARBASE expansion is a cooperative endeavor ... between DOD STARBASE, STARBASE La., Inc., Bossier Parish Schools and the 917th Wing,” said Mrs. Brandon. STARBASE provided the additional materials, management and coordination, the Wing provided the lecture room, and Bossier Parish provided an additional full-time teacher to maintain program quality while serving additional students. Penny Torrey, a fifth grade teacher from Curtis Elementary School, was a little skeptical about bringing her students to STARBASE. But since bringing her classes to STARBASE, Ms. Torrey and her students are quite excited about attending. “The learning and retention are phenomenal,” she said. One Curtis Elementary School student who really enjoyed the program is Zack Scroggins. “It was really fun,” Zack said. “Some of the stuff I learned was stuff my parents didn’t know, and they are science and math whizzes.” The program has not been without a few challenges. “The most difficult thing has been scheduling issues and sharing of the computer lab,” said Ms. Brandon. STARBASE is in the process of setting up a mobile computer lab, with the help of the 917th Mission Support Group, which will alleviate the scheduling problem. STARBASE also faces having staff and materials in two locations. STARBASE is asking for participation from Wing members as well. “We also need volunteers in a variety of capacities,” said Mrs. Brandon. Career mentors are volunteers in military and civilian career fields who share about their careers with the class during daily “business lunches.” With twice as many classes, STARBASE will need twice as many volunteers. “We have many materials that must be prepped for each class,” said Mrs. Brandon. “Those who wish to help out an hour or two here and there can help in materials preparation.” Anyone interested should view the STARBASE La., Web site: <https://26ows.barksdale.af.mil/starbase/>.

Barksdale club honors vets

By Stephanie Bemrose
The Bombardier

The Barksdale Freedom Riders club has organized a second Veterans for Veterans bike event scheduled Saturday at the Overton Brooks Veterans Medical Center in Shreveport. Last year, the club raised \$6,500 for the VA voluntary services. This event is important to club members who get a tremendous sense of satisfaction by having made a positive impact and difference in veterans’ care, according to Chief Master Sgt. Steve Stakes, club president. Besides the on-base community, Chief Stakes said this event is also important for the off-base community. “It’s a small gesture of appreciation on our part,” the chief said. “I am surprised at how many people say that it is about time more is done to honor all our veterans,” Mr. Toloso said. “Ex-military members are not asking for any special treatment for what they and their families have had to endure, but they jump at the chance to honor and appreciate all of their comrades.” The opening ceremony begins at 10 a.m. with a Ride for Freedom scheduled at 1 p.m. on the Arthur Ray Teague and Clyde Fant Parkways. For more information about this event, visit www.barksdalefreedomriders.org.



Two local senior master sergeants to become chiefs

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – The Air Force has selected 417 senior master sergeants for promotion to the service’s highest enlisted rank, including two at Barksdale. The two local chief master sergeant selects are Senior Master Sgt.

Ronald Gisell, 2d Communication Squadron, and Senior Master Sgt. Scott Horsburgh, 2d Maintenance Group. A total of 2,475 senior master sergeants were considered for a 16.85 percent selection rate. Last year’s selection rate was 22.83 percent. The average score for those selected was 670.73, with an average

time in grade and time in service of 3.03 and 22.81 years respectively. The chief master sergeant evaluation board convened from Oct. 10 to 19 at AFPC to evaluate individual records of senior master sergeants eligible for promotion. More information is available through the military personnel flights.



Fall in!



Senior Airman Brandon Kusek

C-130 Hercules aircraft wait on the flightline Monday to make room at Little Rock AFB, Ark., for its air show Saturday. The aircraft left Barksdale Tuesday.

PCS policy could extend officer assignments to four years

BY STAFF SGT. C. TODD LOPEZ

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON — Some officers now could spend as many as four years at a duty station before getting a new assignment.

Air Force officials are looking for ways to reduce the number of permanent change-of-station moves for officers, particularly for those in the United States.

By extending the average assignment length for an officer from three years to four years, Air Force officials believe they can reduce the number of yearly officer PCS moves. Any moves occurring before four years primarily would be for professional development reasons only, said Lt. Gen. Roger A. Brady, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel.

“We don’t necessarily want to move people around as quickly as we may have in the past, if there is not a developmental reason for that,” he said. “And there is a lot of development that can take place in your first few years of service, wherever you are.”

The general said that for many young officers, lieutenants in particular, the greatest professional development comes from gaining expertise and experience at one stable location. For higher-ranking officers, professional development comes from attending schools or by taking a command position. Real professional development, the general said, does not come from simply moving to a new assignment.

“We have always been a force that wanted to develop people, and part of developing people is to give them different opportunities,” he said. “But if you are not careful, you can confuse movement

with development. So what we are looking at are policies that might create moves that are not necessarily related to development.”

General Brady also said fewer moves for officers will put less stress on their families by allowing children to stay in a single school for a longer time and by allowing spouses to find more stable careers.

While the change to PCS policy mostly will affect officers inside the continental United States, it also will affect officers stationed overseas, especially at those assigned to European bases.

“We find that some of our traditional overseas assignments... are perhaps as stable as (in the Continental United States,) and so it begs the question as to whether or not you really need to have that disparity in how you manage units,” he said.

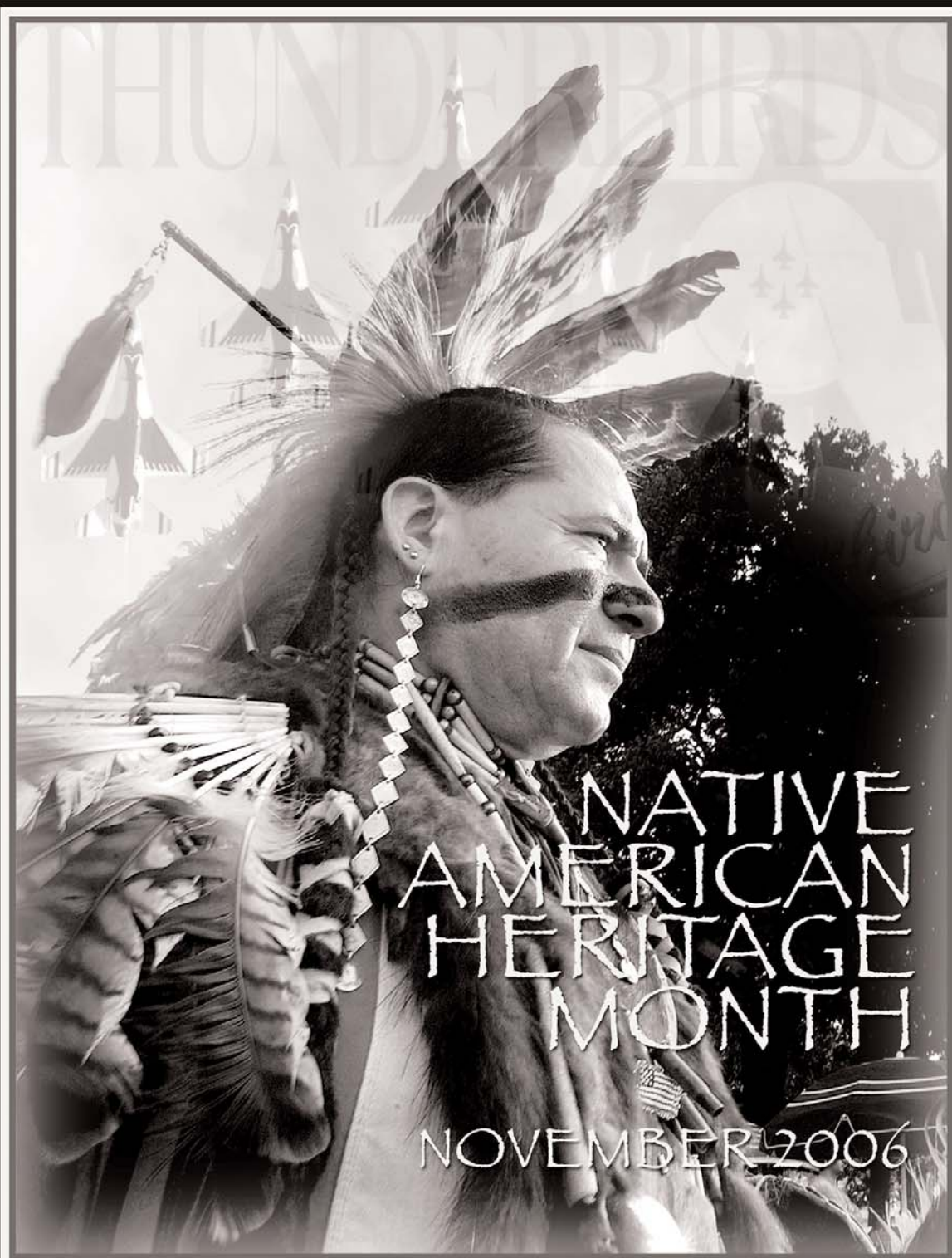
Manning overseas units at higher levels increases PCS moves and the costs associated with them. Air Force officials now will be more amenable to extending officers who want to stay longer at an overseas tour and will look closer than they have in the past at officers who want to shorten their overseas tours, General Brady said.

Air Force officials have other reasons for limiting the number of officer PCS moves. One of those reasons is recouping the cost of the moves and applying that funding in other places.

“We have budgetary issues in a lot of areas: fighting the global war on terror, high ops tempo, ageing aircraft fleets and growing manpower costs,” the general said.

General Brady said more effective management of officer moves will better help their professional development, and also will free up funding so it can be applied to winning the war on terrorism and to recapitalizing aging Air Force aircraft.

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Bush: Saddam verdict 'milestone' in Iraq's efforts

BY JIM GARAMONE

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON – Without the help of American servicemembers, the verdict against Saddam Hussein would not have been possible, the commander in chief said Nov. 5 in Waco, Texas.

President George W. Bush called the trial "a milestone" in Iraq's efforts to replace the rule of a tyrant with the rule of law. Today's verdict, he said, represents a major achievement for Iraq's young democracy and its constitutional government.

The Iraqi High Tribunal found Saddam guilty in his actions against the citizens of Dujail, Iraq, and sentenced him to death by hanging.

In the 1982 incident, Saddam ordered the military, Baath Party loyalists and interior department police to arrest, detain and torture men, women and children in the town.

Although the Dujail case was the first against the former dictator to go to trial, he is also charged with genocide against the Kurds in the northern part of Iraq in the 1980s.

President Bush emphasized the fairness of the trial and the irony that Saddam received protections that he denied the Iraqi people under his rule. "During the Saddam Hussein trial, the court received evidence from 130 witnesses,"

President Bush said. "The man who once struck fear into the hearts of Iraqis had to listen while free Iraqis recounted the acts of torture and murder that he ordered against their families and against them."

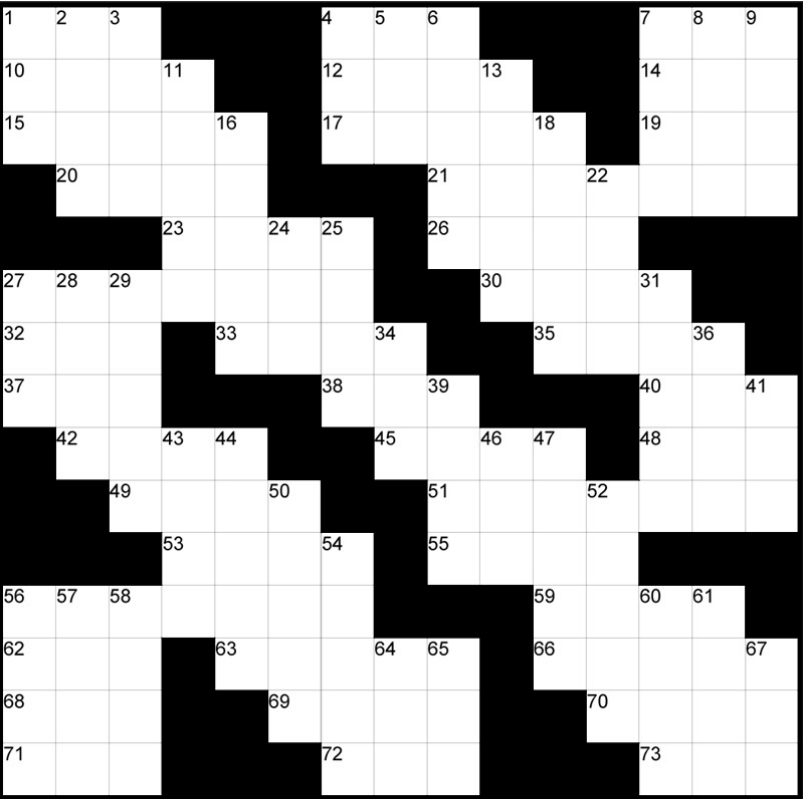
"Today," the president said, "the victims of this regime have received a measure of the justice that many thought would never come."

The former dictator will have an automatic right to appeal his sentence. "He will continue to receive the legal rights and due process that he denied to the Iraqi people," the president said. "Iraq has a lot of work ahead as it builds its society that delivers equal justice and protects all its citizens. Yet history will record today's judgment as an important achievement on the path to a free and just and unified society."

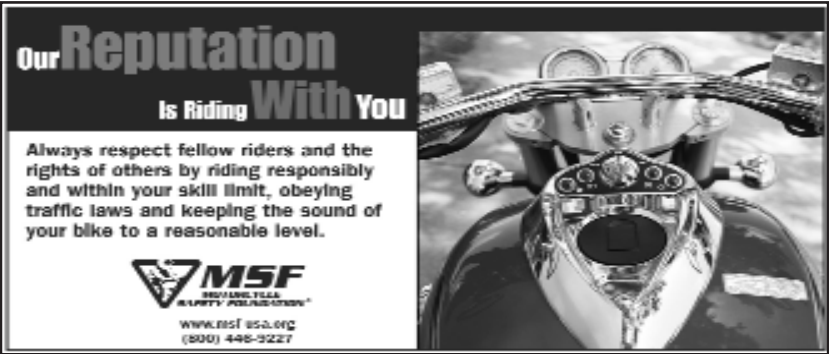
The United States will continue to stand with Iraq's unity government, President Bush said. He praised the courage and determination of the Iraqi security forces.

The president thanked the men and women of the U.S. military for their sacrifices to free Iraq and defend America. "Without their courage and skill, today's verdict would not have happened," he said. "On behalf of the American people, I thank every American who wears the uniform. I thank their families and I thank them for their service and their sacrifice."

*Who's your wingman?
Whose wingman are you?*



Answers to last week's puzzle



Happy Birthday USMC
By Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

- ACROSS**
- 1. Dramatize
 - 4. Fury
 - 7. Maj. Greg Boyington was one
 - 10. ____ the Explorer
 - 12. Soft mineral
 - 14. Col. Wesley L. ____; MOH recipient in 1969
 - 15. John Phillip ____; Leader of the Marine Band
 - 17. Theatrical presentation set to music
 - 19. The Greatest
 - 20. Preserved
 - 21. Nightclub providing short programs of live entertainment
 - 23. Long times
 - 26. Column
 - 27. 1LT Presley Neville ____; "Hero of Deme" referenced in USMC Hymn
 - 30. Lt Col Anthony ____; fourth Commandant of the Marine Corps
 - 32. European mount
 - 33. Cheese type
 - 35. Utah town
 - 37. Jogged
 - 38. Chicken or small suffix
 - 40. The sun
 - 42. Principal god of the Greek pantheon; ruler of the heavens
 - 45. Giant
 - 48. Ram's mate
 - 49. Unit of matter
 - 51. Maj Gen Wendell ____; 14th Commandant of Marine Corps, MOH recipient
 - 53. Iowa town
 - 55. Hebrew prophet of the eighth century B.C.
 - 56. Lt Gen Thomas J. ____; WWII and Korean War veteran
 - 59. Maj. Ross L. ____; MOH recipient for action in Haiti
 - 62. Single
 - 63. Deletes copy
 - 66. Word preceding newspaper or chores
 - 68. www.af.____
 - 69. Fencing sword
 - 70. Hint

- 71. Greek letter
 - 72. Cut
 - 73. Epoch
- DOWN**
- 1. Commercials
 - 2. Col. Donald G. ____; MOH recipient for action as POW
 - 3. Test answer
 - 4. Simpson trial judge
 - 5. Dr. Dre's music genre
 - 6. Inaugurate
 - 7. In the distance
 - 8. Sgt. Darrell ____; MOH recipient for action at Iwo Jima
 - 9. Leave
 - 11. Colorado ski town
 - 13. Lt Gen Edward A. ____; Navy Cross recipient for WWII efforts
 - 16. Make amends
 - 18. Right angles to the keel of a ship
 - 22. A Guthrie
 - 24. Lower and raise the head quickly
 - 25. Break suddenly with a brisk, sharp, cracking sound
 - 27. Paddle
 - 28. Brig Gen Vincente T. ____; elected as U.S. House of Rep for Guam
 - 29. Temporary absence or cessation of breathing
 - 31. Artists' prop
 - 34. Mr. ____; 1983 Keaton movie
 - 36. Cereal holder
 - 39. ____; Warrior Princess
 - 41. Confederate general
 - 43. State home to Hill AFB
 - 44. Battle of the ____ (1916); main Allied attack on Western Front
 - 46. Precious stone
 - 47. Dodge
 - 50. Gen. George G. ____; victor of Gettysburg
 - 52. Son of Abraham who was offered as a sacrifice to God
 - 54. Cuts something with short, quick strokes
 - 56. Derive
 - 57. Entity regarded as basic structural constituent of a whole
 - 58. Actress Ward
 - 60. 5,280 feet
 - 61. Slander
 - 64. Afternoon drink in UK
 - 65. Embroider
 - 67. Vote in favor



News Briefs

Retirements

Master Sergeant Gertrude Bryant, 2d Bomb Wing Unit Deployment Manager, retires after 20 years of service at 1p.m Nov. 17 in the Chapel 2 Annex. Dress is uniform of the day for military and casual for civilians. For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Gary Underwood at 456-4228.

SARC

The 2d BW Sexual Assault Response Coordinator office is looking for highly motivated volunteer Victim Advocates for victims of sexual assault. VAs duties will include: providing victims emotional support, crisis intervention, and accompaniment. There is a

required 40-hour training course to provide essential information, processes and resources that will enable you to assist victims. The next training class is scheduled for Monday through Nov. 17. If you feel that this job is right for you please contact the 2d Bomb Wing SARC at 456-7272 or jennifer.shelton@barksdale.af.mil.

Commander's calls

Col. Daniel Charchian has scheduled the following 2d Bomb Wing commander's calls: enlisted calls are scheduled for 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hoban Hall, a civilian's call is scheduled for 10 a.m. Nov. 17 at the base theater

and an officer's call is 3:30 p.m. Nov. 17 at the base theater.

Office closures

The base Legal Office will be closed for an official visit beginning 11 a.m. Wednesday and all day Thursday. Legal Assistance will not be available on either date. For emergencies, call the on-call JAG at 347-1468.

Self Help

The 2d Civil Engineer Squadron Facility Manager Store is scheduled to reopen today. The new store will be located at the CE Material Control Warehouse, building 4455 on Curtiss Road. For more information contact Wendy Davis at 456-3955.

Retiree info

Veterans benefits

The SuperMarket of Veterans Benefits will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Bossier Civic Center. Free flu shots will be available for eligible veterans.

Retiree Christmas Dinner

This event will begin with a cocktail at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Barksdale Club. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 person. Call 456-

5976 or 456-4480 for reservations.

Free Buffet

A free buffet at the Golden Corral will be available for all Veterans Tuesday. Veterans should wear their veteran association service caps, medals and any other military attire. Cost for children and dependents remains unchanged. For more information call Rick Lee, 798-5783.

**USE THE WINGMAN SYSTEM
TO AVOID DRIVING AFTER DRINKING.**

1ST-3RD PLACE PRIZES
MOST ACCURATE PRIZE
LONGEST DRIVE PRIZE
CLOSEST TO PIN PRIZE

Wing Holiday Golf Tournament

NEW DATE: NOVEMBER 14
7:30 A.M. - REGISTRATION/LUNCH
8 P.M. - SHOTGUN START
4 PERSON SCRAMBLE - \$15 (CASH ONLY) PLUS FEES

2 MULLIGANS / \$5 (1 PER SIDE)
LIMIT 1 SINGLE DIGIT HANDICAP
PLAYER PER TEAM

318.456.4193

EXERCISE, EXERCISE, EXERCISE



Colonel Hansen and his XP staff answer questions for the Air Combat Command Inspector General.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Kendra Fulton

Plans for the future:

Base XP team ensures readiness for exercises, real-world situations

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS ALYSSA MILES
THE BOMBARDIER

The giant voice sounds and announces that the base commander has directed Exercise Force Protection Condition Delta. Wing Battle Staff and Disaster Control Group meet at their respective areas and the base is on lock-down. Though the exercise may only take a few hours, it has been a month in the making.

The 2d Bomb Wing plans and programs team work daily to make sure that the base is ready for real-world situations.

"Our job is to run exercises and work hand-in-hand with base groups to make to make sure they're ready to go when the inspector general teams arrive on base," said Tech. Sgt. Rickey Brandenburg, base exercise planner.

The first step of the exercise planning process is to query the 2d Bomb Wing senior leaders for exercise objectives.

Once the objectives are established, Air Force Instruction and directives are reviewed to make sure the exercise meets all requirements.

"Our guidance for major exercises such as the Nuclear Operational Readiness Exercise and Conventional Operational Readiness Exercise come from AFI 90-201," said Lt. Col. Tim Hansen, 2d BW plans and programs commander. "For smaller exercises like the Major Accident Response Exercises, we have guidance that says we have to accomplish them, but the specific objectives are mostly in-house."

After several meetings with members from base groups, the exercise planners consult with the base Exercise Evaluation Team to hash out details and produce an exercise. Exercises can range from many different scenarios, from security incidents to natural disasters.

"There are many different scenarios for exercises," said Colonel Hansen. "For example, we're here at Barksdale, close to the Gulf of Mexico. It's not so

much on the freezing side, but not so much on the flooding side either. Still, hurricanes are a big issue. So, during the beginning of hurricane season, we may do an exercise so that everyone is prepared."

The XP team also plays a role while the exercise is being executed.

"During exercises, we play the role of the inspector general team," said Colonel Hansen.

After the exercise is over, XP briefs lessons learned with a series of "hot washes."

By the end of the year, the XP team has planned at least 15 exercises: four to five major exercises – like the NORE and CORE, a minimum of four MAREs and at least a half dozen focus security exercises.

"We put extensive hours into the preparation work that goes toward major exercises like the Nuclear Surety Exercise," said Sergeant Brandenburg. "After each inspection it's like a sigh of relief – then we get ready for the next one."

The Exercise Planning Process

1. Query 2d Bomb Wing senior leaders for exercise objectives
2. Review exercise requirement in AFIs and directives
3. Conduct a series of planning meetings to build the exercise plan
4. Consult with exercise evaluation team members
5. Execute the exercise as a simulated Inspector General Team
6. Capture lessons learned after the exercise is over
7. Brief lessons learned in a series of "hot wash" meetings



Tech. Sgt. Michelle Paxton consults Maj. Bret Wilkinson concerning changes in the base exercise program.



Sergeant Brandenburg reviews AFI 10-2501 for changes during a recent review.

Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!

Family: Wife and son

Hometown: Beattyville, Ky.

Unit: 2 BW/XP

Job title: Wing Exercise Planner

Job description: Prepare the wing for major graded exercises and inspections

Most rewarding job aspect: Seeing our grades on the past inspections that I have been involved with

Goals: To make master sergeant my first time testing

Hobbies: Basketball, football, Xbox and PFE Gold

Favorite TV show: Heroes and Lost

Favorite performer: Larry the Cable Guy

My pet peeve: Dirty uniforms



Tech. Sgt. Rickey Brandenburg

Favorite band: Allman Brothers

Favorite movie: Cars

Favorite dish: Spaghetti

Most influential person in the Air Force and why: All of my

past supervisors because I have taken a lesson learned from every one of them and applied it to my career

Favorite book: “Green Mile,” by Stephen King

Favorite sports team: Kentucky Wildcats

By best asset is: My sense of humor

I’m proudest of: My son, “Mini Man”

Person I admire the most: My wife

Best day of my life: The day my son was born

What I like the most about Barksdale: The history

If I could change anything about Barksdale, it would be: To build the weapons loaders a load training facility

2d BW/XP at a glance

Director of Staff:
Lt. Col. Terry Prevost

First sergeant:
Master Sgt. Charles Proffitt

Chief, wing plans, programs:
Lt. Col. Tim Hansen



At the movies

**"School For Scoundrels"****Rated:** PG-13**Playing:** 7 p.m. today**Run time:** 100 minutes**Cast:** Billy Bob Thornton, Jon Heder

Synopsis: Roger is a beleaguered New York City meter maid who is plagued by anxiety and low self-esteem. In order to overcome his feelings of inadequacy, Roger enrolls in a top-secret confidence-building class taught by the suavely underhanded Dr. P. Aided by his assistant, Leshar, Dr. P uses unorthodox, often dangerous methods, but he guarantees results: Employ his techniques and you will unleash your inner lion.

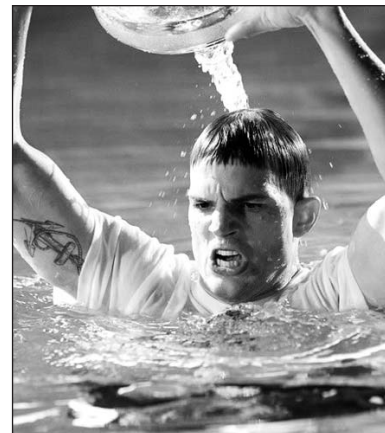
**"Open Season"****Rated:** PG**Playing:** 2 p.m. Saturday**Run time:** 100 minutes**Cast:** Paul Westernberg, Gary Sinise

Synopsis: A 900-pound domesticated grizzly bear named Boog and a scrawny, one-horned mule deer named Elliot end up stranded together in the woods during hunting season and it's up to the duo to rally all the other forest animals and turn the tables on the hunters.

For more information, call the movie line at 456-3666.

**"Flyboys"****Rated:** PG-13**Playing:** 7 p.m. Saturday**Run time:** 139 minutes**Cast:** James Franco, Jean Reno

Synopsis: James Franco, Jean Reno Synopsis: In 1914, "The Great War" – WWI – began in Europe. By 1917, the Allied powers of France, England, Italy and others were on the ropes against the German juggernaut. Some altruistic young Americans disagreed with the war. They volunteered to fight alongside their counterparts in France; some in the infantry, some in the Ambulance Corps. A handful of others had a different idea: they decided to learn how to fly.

**"The Guardian"****Rated:** PG-13**Playing:** 4 p.m. Sunday**Run time:** 135 minutes**Cast:** Ashton Kutcher, Kevin Costner

Synopsis: After losing his crew in a fatal crash, legendary Rescue Swimmer, Ben, is sent to teach at "A" School, an elite training program for Coast Guard Rescue Swimmers. Wrestling with the loss of his crew members, he throws himself into teaching, turning the program upside down with his unorthodox training methods. While there, he encounters a young, cocky swim champ, Jake, who is driven to be the best.

Chapel Events

Protestant services

Traditional communion service, 9 a.m., Sunday, Chapel One

Community worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Chapel Two

Inspirational gospel service, noon, Sunday, Chapel Two

Catholic services

Confession, 4:30-5:15 p.m. Saturday in Chapel Two

Mass, 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Chapel Two, 9 a.m. Sunday in Chapel Two and 11:30 a.m. Sunday in Chapel One

For off-base religious services, contact the base chapel at 456-2111.

Remember to wear personal protective equipment correctly.
It's not an optional accessory!

Airman, Family Readiness Center

Operation Hero

This mock deployment will be held at 10 a.m. Nov. 18 at Hoban Hall. It is designed for active-duty and reservists' children to give them a better understanding of the deployment process. All age groups are welcome, a parent or guardian must accompany the child. Please call 456-8400 to sign up.

Communications skills

Enhancing communications skills will be held from 8-11 a.m. Thursday. It is Part One of the Successful Military Reunions Workshop. Participants will be able to identify individual communication styles, identify triggers that result in negative behaviors, identify destructive communication and how to better manage emotions. This workshop is useful both personally and professionally and is appropriate for everyone. Call 456-8400 for more information or to sign up.

Resume workshop

This workshop will be held at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Participants will learn how to write a resume, what employers look for and what information to include. Participants will also learn about cover letters participants need to bring a flash drive to save their resume, copies of their OPR or EPR. Please call 456-8400 to sign up.

Job search assistance

Servicemembers who are a retiring or separating can speak with Michael Brown, Department of Labor representative, at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Mr. Brown is available to provide a wide-array of job search services, such as re-

sume assistance, mock interviews, local employment assistance and more. For more information, call 456-8400.

Reunions and relationships

Reunions and relationships is Part Two of the Successful Military Reunions Workshop. This session will be held from 1-4 p.m. Thursday. This workshop is designed to assist couples during the challenging reunion phase following deployment, extended TDY or a remote tour. Topics include handling changes in routines and responsibilities, identifying the challenges of the partner on the home front, parenting tips and the importance of romance and intimacy in strengthening the relationship. Call 456-8400 to sign up.

Veteran's benefits

This one-day workshop will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday and is facilitated by veteran representatives. The workshop is designed to help military members understand their benefits after their military service. The Veteran Center will provide information on a continuum of quality care that adds value for veterans, families and community. A Disabled American Veteran Representative will provide valuable information for filing for compensation. Department of Veterans Affairs presentation will include information on service-connected compensation, non service-connected pension, education benefits, vocational rehabilitation and employment, medical/dental care through the VA, VA guaranty home loans, VGLI/DVI Insurance, veterans' benefits and educational benefits for surviving spouses and dependent children and final burial benefits.

Airman, Family Readiness Center

\$5,000 jackpot

Win big each Tuesday at bingo in the stripes ballroom. Bingo features eight \$100 cash games, a \$5,000 progressive cash jackpot, a \$900 progressive cash jackpot and a jackpot game for a cruise for two to Mexico. All ranks, retirees and civilians are welcome. Club members get special pricing. Dinner and early bird games begin at 5:30 p.m. Calling begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. Call 456-4926 to learn more.

Ride mustangs

Enjoy horseback riding on authentic mustangs from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 19 at Karma Farms, Texas. The group will also visit the historic town of Marshal for shopping and lunch. Cost for this trip is \$28 per person and cost includes transportation and horse use. Participants are encouraged to bring additional money for lunch and shopping. Please register by Tuesday to attend. Call 456-7765 or 453-0976 to sign up.

Cajun fried turkey

Equipment rental is accepting orders for deep fried Cajun turkeys that are already prepared for only \$31. Orders and payments must be made by Nov. 21 and the turkey must be picked up by 6 p.m.

Nov. 22. Call 456-3426 today to place an order!

Stuff a critter

Stuff a critter or purchase one ready-made at the arts and crafts center. Cost is \$20 and includes the critter, stuffing, birth certificate, wishing star and a t-shirt. Additional outfits including fairy, BDU's, pirate, soccer, cheerleader and more are available for \$8 each. Additional t-shirts including Louisiana State University shirts are available for \$2 each. Call 456-3140 or stop by the arts and crafts center today.

UFC fight night

Watch Hughes vs. Pierre and Syliva vs. Monson at Stripes at 8 p.m. Nov. 18. Call 456-4926 to learn more.

Hank night

Kids ages 5-12 are invited to Hank night from 6-8 p.m. Dec. 1. The event takes place at outdoor recreation as Hank the Hawk throws a Christmas party for the kids followed by a hay ride to Flag Lake. Call 456-0976 for more information.

Free pool and drinks

Every Wednesday evening enjoy free pool, dollar longnecks and 50 cent sodas at the stripes lounge. Call 456-4926 to learn more.



An ol’ fashioned skunking



Staff Sgt. M. Erick Reynolds

Joseph Eigenberger, quarterback for the 2d Security Forces Squadron, evades the pass rush from a member of the 26th Operational Weather Squadron. The 2d SFS won the first round of three 19-0 in the base flag football championships Tuesday.

2006 Final Flag Football Standings

American League								
	Wins	Losses						
1. 2d CS	6	0	5. 2d SFS (1)	2	4	2. 2d SFS (2)	4	2
2. 2d AMXS	5	1	6. 20th BS	1	5	3. 26th OWS	4	2
3. 2d LRS	4	2	7. 8th AF	0	6	4. 2d OG	3	3
4. 2d MXS	3	3	National League			5. 2d MUNS	3	3
			1. 2d MSS	4	2	6. 96th/11th BS	2	4



Sports Shorts

Mountain Bike event

The Stoneman Mountain Bike Trail Challenge is scheduled for 10 a.m. Sunday at the Stoner Bike Trail in Shreveport. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 425-8120.

Twice the paintball

Effective Dec. 2, open paintball is available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. at the Clear Lake paintball fields. Players may use their own gear or rent it on site. Cost is \$12 per person and includes marker, mask and 100 paintballs. Only paint purchased at the field is permissible. Additional paint is available; no sign ups are necessary. Players must be 10 years of age or older to participate. Call 456-7765 or 453-0976 for more information.

Turkey trot 5-K run

It’s that time of year again. At 8 a.m. Nov. 21, gobble on over to the fitness center on for the annual turkey trot 5K fun run and walk. Turkeys are awarded for first place, second place, youngest and oldest. Nine door prizes are also awarded. Call 456-4135 for more information.

Aerobithon

The fitness center is holding an aerobithon from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 18. Step aerobics by Brenda is at 9 a.m., body sculpting by Kathryn is at 10 a.m., kickboxing by Charlotte is at 11 a.m. and pilates by Susan is at noon. Door prizes are awarded for each session. Call 456-4135 for details.

Teen bowling day

Ages 13-18 are invited to enjoy \$1 games and shoes and the bowling center Sunday. Call 456-4133 for more information.

Basketball registration

Youth basketball registration ends Saturday at the youth center. Cost is \$45 per person during regular registration and \$65 per person during late registration from Monday to Nov. 17. Volunteer basketball coaches needed. Please call Mr. Bell at 456-3448 for details.

Strikes for turkeys

Bowlers who strike in the third, sixth and ninth frame of any game Mondays-Fridays through Nov. 17 win a free turkey. Cost is \$2 to participate with a limit of one turkey per three games. Call the bowling center at 456-4133 for details.

Turkey shoot tourney

Turkey Shoot takes place at 9 a.m. Nov. 18 at the golf course. Golfers have the chance to win \$10,000 along with other great prizes. Call 456-2263 for details.